PROJECT 10073 RECORD

	PROJECT 100/3 RECORD
1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. L' 'TION
29 Jun 47	Las Cruces, N. M.
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION
Civilian /	BAILOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
One	
	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
30 seconds	observer sighted a sphere n disc heading east at a rapid
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	speed
Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
East	
E. PHOTOS	
II Yes II No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
□ Yes -□ No	

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# Missile Expert Reveals Seeing\*

### Naval Lab Expert Tells of Seeing Craft

By WILLIAM J. BRADY

served June 29 near White planes or the sun mirrored by Mexico, said it looked like no guided at an altitude of about 46,000 feet Sands. New Mex. But admitted clouds. Sands, New Mex., but admitted his unofficial report to Army Doubt Alien Missile officers there drew only fishy. So far as is known, no guided Stamford, Conn., that the "fiying two dimensional, Dr. Zohn said eyed stares.

Glare in the Sky

to observe a V-2 launching test foreign country. a short distance from the launch- interested in military weapons, June 25. An Army Air Forces (See FLYING SAUCERS, Pg. A-... ing site.

"Kauke suddenly spotted

glare in the sky," Zohn said. We all looked up and saw a silvery disc whirling through the unclouded sky.

watched the thing for near-

theories about the skinning of jects:

duced by mass self-hypnosis, simi ported spotted from seacoas pert recalled a sky phenomenon reported during the air war in OAn eye-witness account of a spokesman said the AAF believe Europe.

integrated planes in a flash or as aircraft were alerted along he emphasized that he saw puff of smoke. A thorough invest the West Coast in the hope of "fiying saucer" four days below

\* 2. The flying saucers are optical A Naval Research laboratory illusions, the result of tricks the who disclosed today that he had with three other men, two of them guided missiles expert yesterday eyes play upon the brain. Some described a "flying saucer" he authorities said the discs might and two fellow-scientists had ob. be reflections from near-by air-

missile has been developed which saucers" were probably radio-con- far as he could tell it was elliptical can travel more than 300 miles trolled flying missiles being tested in shape and flat .-under its own power. For this in the west by military authorities. "It was traveling away from the Dr. C. J. Zohn, 400 block Mel- reason, Army and Navy officers The inventor said he felt certain at a uniform rate of speed," he result is the second of the lon St. SE., was in New Mexico exist, were launched from any ing missiles had been produced and then suddenly, it wasn't there.

the test, he and Curtis C. Rock. professor at California Institute in squadrons and being controlled Dr. Zohn said the sun was benind of Technology, writing in the "from remote points." wood, also attached to the re- current is sue of Ordnance, a Government sources have denied 1:30 p.m. and he had a clear view search laboratory, and John R. publication of the Army Ord-sany tests are being conducted that of it. Kauke, stationed at the White nance association, a semi-official, might be the answer to the mystery . He was sure at the time, he said Sands testing area, were driving group of industrialists and others that has baffied the Nation since that it was not a meteor. While it

> said scientists were preparing to a shoot "artificial meteors" to explore the secrets of the skies.

(Turn to Page 4, Col. 6) These mock meteors, however, would be launched from rockets to escape the gravity of the earth, and never return. Scientists explained they could never be mistaken for "flying saucers."

# officials developed the following Saucer Seen by Rocket Experiment of Saucer Seen by Rocket Experiment 1. They may be a mirage in Flight Over Desert Described

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flight of a "flying saucer" came "there's something to this" but American pilots said they saw today from a Naval Research completely mystified as to just with "floating balls of fire" which dis, Laboratory rockets expert here New Mexico for a V-2 test, tigation uncovered no basis for locating one of the discs and the test and that it had nothing to

on a recent Navy mission to New spotted the object traveling north

On the other hand, Lester Barlow, bright and silvery with no project internationally known explosives tions. Since he was not sure it inventor, advanced the theory at revolving and his view of it

"were in early stages of perfection." didn't go behind a mountain range for the Navy. Four days before Dr. F. Zwicky, astrophysics He said they were capable of flying It simply disappeared."

solving the mystery. do with any Navy experiments

Dr. Zohn described it as ver

him when he saw the object about

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did not discount completely the posibility of a guided missile, in pointed out that he had worked or the V-2 rockets and that the was unlike any guided missile he had ever seen.

Dr. Zohn is stalloned at the Meva Research Laboratory here and live at 440 Mellon street S.E.

#### APPENDIX F

3610th Electronics Station

Analysis of Project Grudge Reports

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SUBJECT: Analysis of Project "Grudge" Reported Incidents

To: Commanding Comeral

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- 1. Reference is made to the letters from your Headquarters to this station of 22 November 1948, 6 December 1948, and 14 January 1949, Subjects: "Project 'Sign' ", requesting that reported incidents 1 through 172 be analyzed to determine whether or not these might have been caused by ballooms laumehod by those laboratories.
- 2. A listing has been compiled of all balloons launched by these laboratories and its contractors for special atmospheric recearch purposes, from the first such launching to No. 101 on 17 Hovember 1945. Each of those launchings has been compared with the reported incidents 1 through 172. Factors of comparison work date of launching and date of recovery with respect to date of reported incidents; place of launching and place of recovery with respect to the place of reported incidents, and possible deviations from the known flight path with respect to the place of reported incidents. So that your office may make an independent analysis, three copies of the launching list are inclosed.
- a. Incidents No. 5 through No. 16 reported on 4 July 1947 throughout Oregon, Idaho and Washington gave, in general, descriptions of clusters or groups of objects. The 3 July 1947 balloon launching No. 8 at Alamogordo was a cluster of balloons and was not recovered, and so might be suspected of being the course of these reports. However, although not recovered, this flight was terminated in the New Mexico Tularosa Valley only a few miles northwest of Alamogordo. That the balloons were downed was determined both by airplane spotting and by radio direction finding upon the balloon telemetering instruments. Recovery of the balloons and instruments was prevented by the impassability of the terrain.
- b. Balloon release No. 11 of 7 July 1947 could compare with respect to date with incident No. 1 through No. 4, and again with incident No. 40. This balloon flight was again a cluster.

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The description of insident No. 10 is inscriptions with the appearance of ballon for a too 11. Also, in or it which the parties will be appearance than a few appearance of Ale Typede, although it must be admitted that a long flight west of the launching point could not be ruled out as impossible.

- Launching No. 10 of 5 July 1517. However, balloon No. 10 although not recevered was been to have been desmed northeast of Although not recevered was been to have been desmed northeast of Although northeast. It was not recevered due to impassability of terrain. Incident No. 115 is a reasonable description of the 20 ft. plastic balloon and instruments west by these Laboratories. This incident was on the date of balloon release No. 15 of 9 April 1945 at Alamogorde. Henotor, the time of the reported incident (1506 CCT) is about 1/2 hour before the time of balloon release (1432 MET), thus the incident could not have been that balloon.
- d. It is of interest to note that incident No. 122 was reported by an employee of these Laboratories who had considerable experience in the use of balleons of all kinds, and could have been depended upon to know the appearance and behavior of a balleon if it was this he caw.
- e. Insident No. 163 bears a fair description of the appearance of a large plastic balloon in cumset light. The object's disappearance could be accounted for either by its movement into the earth's sumest shadow or by natural defocusing of the observer's eyes. This insident could possibly have been balloon release No. 75 or No. 76 or 20 and 21 July 18 from Alamporde. Ealloon No. 75 was recovered at Hellister, California, which is in the Mentercy Eay area, on 22 July 1913 and could have easily had a trajectory which would have been within eight of the Los Angeles area. Ealloon No. 76 was never recovered. It is possible that it had a trajectory similar to No. 75.
- f. All other reported incidents from 1 to 172 do not seem to have reasonable comparison with ballooms launched by these Laboratories.
- 5. The balloons used by these Laboratories are now somewhat standardised. They are 20 feet long, plastic, white in color, and hemisphere-en-cone in shape. Nearly all launchings are made at the Holloman AFE at Alamsgorde, Est Ibaico. The photograph prints are inclosed showing the appearance and size of these balloons. The larger photograph shows the typical flight appearance at any altitudes where it would be visible. It is hoped that this information may be of some use to you in identifying future reports of incidents.

reliable data from an electron. In a cross 9. Distance of engot from observery 11. Abstract 12. Specifical 16. Cian. For any uncantions object beyond the focal range of the 1 man agen (about 60 for), there four foctors are rutually interesting and therefore indeterminate untually an observer about these indeterminants upt only pate unfolded of the but induces will another because the character is he into making a content about quantities for which he has no basis in fact. In will unschedeably accume knowledge of some one of these factors and so give inscreasely accume knowledge of some one of these factors and so give inscreasely information on all. That people (many of them should know better) this arbitrarily give another to two significant figures on those questions, which really cannot be answered at all, is proof of the unreliability of their information.

- 5. It is suggested that these four items on the questionmaire be replaced by questions which will yield emeuers possible of being independent facts in terms of the observer's best orbinates of angles and the. From such data given by observers of the same object at two different places, a reliable calculated estimate could be made of the object's size, altitude, speed and path. These data should include:
- a. An estimate of the angular size of the object. A quick but reasonable contents can be made by comparing the angue subtended by the index finger hold at arms length. The finger (7/8" wide) of an average can held at 26" to 30" (arms length) will subtend an angle of approximately two degrees. In this way angular size from about 1/2° to about 5° can be estimated.
- b. The range of the object's flight in terms of the angle subtended by the object white. If the object noves in a reasonably surfaced by the object and the position at the beginning and the end of its course. After the flight has been completed a person can extend his arms toward the two points and also at 90° or 180° and by comparison estimate the argular extent of the flight. It is also important that information which will determine those directions relative to a compass point be given. If the angular course is associated with objects on the horison, with reads, with the sun (if the time of day is also noted) or by the north star, the orientation can be rechecked at any later time.
- c. The time required for the object to traverse the observed course. This is probably the most difficult estimate to make. Timing with a watch is the most satisfactory, but an observer is selded prepared to do so. Seconds can be counted with good accuracy by saying,

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- d. Potimition of the elevation and of the object. Almost all persons will everoprizate elevation angles. This vertically and the other reduced by the observer extending one are vertically and the other horizontally to observe a 90° angle. The vertical arm can then be lowered to point to the observed object. In this way the observed angle can be compared with a 90° angle and a nore accurate optimate obtained.
- 6. It is realised that it might not be possible for an observer to perform the operations suggested in the preceding paragraph, during the period the object is sighted. If he would immediately reconsider what he saw and then estimate such measurements, he should be able to give quantitative answers accurate to at loast 25%. In interrogating observers, they should also be asked to reconstruct their observations and then estimate these same factors. It is suggested that instructions for making such quick and estimated observations be given to weather observers, control tower operators, civil police, forest and fire rangers, and other such people who might have good chance of seeing unidentified flying objects. If any information concerning unidentified flying objects is given to the public, instructions for reliable observation should be included.
- 7. This organization will be pleased to be of any further assistance required in connection with this matter.

FOR THE COMMAIDING OFFICER:

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le List of ballooms launched (in trip)

2. 8" X 10" photo print of plastic balloom

3. 4" I.5" photo print of plastic balleon

/s/ A. C. Trakowski, Jr.
A. C. TRAKOWSKI, JR.
Captain, USAF
Director, Base Directorate
for Gaophysical Research

#### DICTIVET INDEA

#### 1. Astronomical

- a. Eigh probability:

  #26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140, 147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 215, 219, 238.
- b. Fair or low probability:
  #19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 35, 46, 50, 63, 67, 86, 82, 93, 100,
  112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192,
  199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.
- 2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations
  - Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

    #3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,
    126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,
    169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,
    200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.
  - b. Rookets, flares or falling bodies: #4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107, 108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.
  - c. Miscellaneous (reflections, suroral streamers, birds, etc.): #39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.
- 3. Kon-astronomical, with no explanation evident
  - Lock of evidence precludes explanation: #38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118, 125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213, 229, 232, 233.
  - b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation: #1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71, 75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162, 168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

1. Data 29 June 1947

Incident # 90

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- 2. Time 1:00 and 1:30 P. M.
- 3. Location Highway 17 between Las Cruces, N. M. & White Sands V-2 firing grounds
- 5. Occupation of observer Mr. Admin Assis in Rocket Sonde Section Man. Mr. House, NRL Rocket Sonde high altitude spectrograph scientist. &
- 6. Address of observer I/S

7. Place of observation highway 17 - ground

- 8. Number of objects 1
- 9. Distance of object from observer K/S
- 10. Time in sight 30 seconds
- 11. Altitude between 8,000 and 10,000 ft
  (Mr. put little credence in the estimates)
- 12. Speed rapid velocity
- 13. Direction of flight mortherly direction
- 14. Tactics horizontal flight
- 15. Sound N/S
- 16. Sizo N/S
- 17. Color N/S
- 18. Shape uniform no protuberances such as wings of a plane
- 19. Odor dotected I/S
- 20. Apparent construction N/S
- 21. Exhaust trails Mr. The thought at one time there were vapor trails
- 22. Weather conditions sumlight
- 23. Effect on clouds M/S
- 24. Sketches or photographs None

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25. Manner of disappearance

receded until lost from sight

26. Remarks: (over)

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Mr. who was driving the car noticed the object first. He called it to the attention of the other occupants. Mr. Thereupon opened the windown nearest him and observed the object moving at an unknown rapid velocity at an unknown altitude (which he estimated at 10,000 ft) and which Mr. The thought was between 3,000 and 10,000 feet. When first sighted the object was to their right and forward of the automobile at an unstated elevation and apparently moving horizontally in a Northerly direction such as to cross the highway from right to left. The object was seen by all the occupants of the machine. Mr. could observe no details other than the shape was uniform with no protuberance such as the wings of a plane. It was too distant to enable stereoscopis visualization. There was some solar specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity as the object receded until lost from sight (after an estimated 30 seconds from the time first noticed.) Mr. .... could not explain how it disappeared except that he thought the reflection angle could have changed abruptly. The sun was to the rear of the automobile. Mr. thought at one time he saw vapor trails.

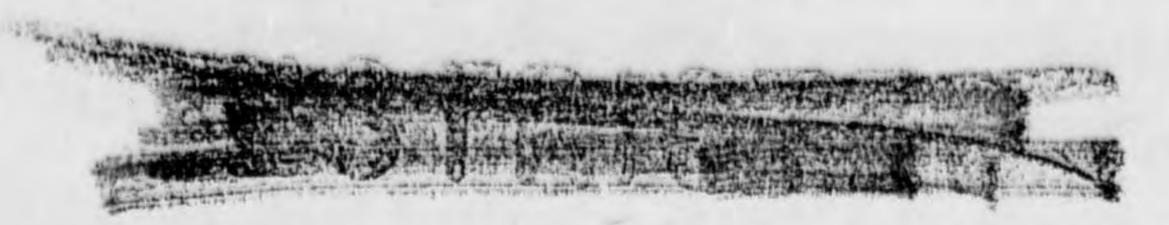


Incident #90 -- between Las Cruces, new mexico o Chita Sands V-2
firing grounds -- 29 June 1947

The information given here is insufficient for any condition conclusion to be drawn, but it is not impossible that the object observed was meteoric. The estimated time in sight is quite long, however, and, if a meteor, the object should have had a pronounced vapor trail. The "solar specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity" could, of course, have been light from the meteor itself, blended with daylight.

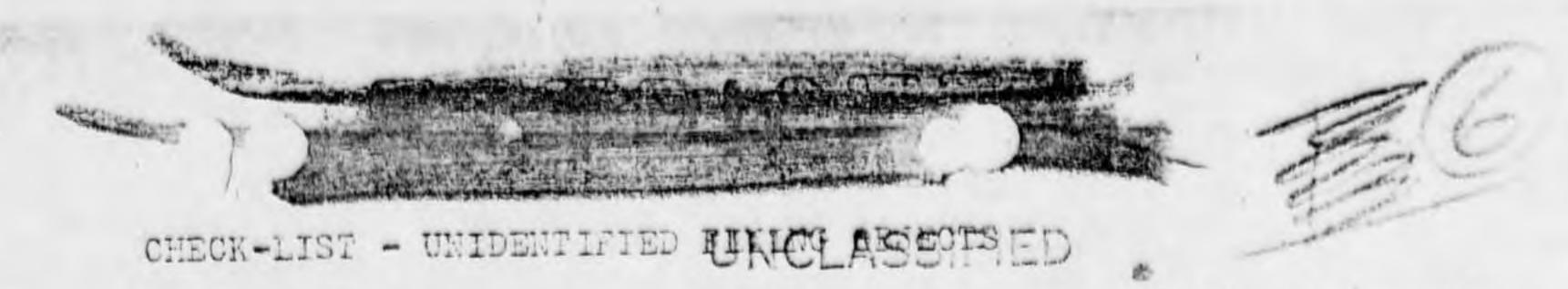
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Color N/S

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N/S Odor detected

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sunlight Weather conditions 22.

Effect on clouds M/S 23.

Sketches or photographs None 21.

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DIRECTOR, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATE WASHINGTON 20, D. C.

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## NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

WASHINGTON 20, D. C.



18 July 1947

SUBJECT: Interview of Person Reporting Unidentified Aerial Object

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Asst Chief of Air Staff-2 Collection Branch, AAF Washington 25, D. C.

1. At the request of Lt. Col. G. D. Gerrett, AAF A-2, the undersigned has interviewed this date Mr. C. Marinistrative Assistant in the Rocket Sonde Section, NRL, who had previously released information to the press regarding an aerial object which he stated he saw at White Sands, New Mexico, 29 June.

#### 2. Substance of the interview is as follows:

At between 1:00 and 1:30 p. m. Sunday, 29 June 1947.

Mr. Im. in the company of the following: Mr. Image of the following: Mr. Image of the focket Sonde Section telemetering supervisor: Mr. Image of the fact of the latter, was proceeding along Highway 17 in a Morth-Basterly direction from Las Cruces, New Mexico to White Sands V-2 firing grounds in an automobile driven by Mr. Image of the between those given and about one-third of the distance from Las Gruces Mr. Image of the other occupants. Mr. Image opened the vindow nearest him and observed the object moving at an unknown rapid velocity at an unknown altitude, which he estimated at about 10,000 feet, and which Mr. Image, who also observed it through an open window, estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000 feet, although the former outs little credence in the estimates.

When first sighted the object was to the right and forward of the automobile at an unstated elevation and was apparently moving horizontally in a Fortherly direction such as to cross the highway from right to left. The object was observed by all persons in the automobile. Mr. The stated that he could not observe any details of the object other than that its shape was uniform, with no protuberances such as the wings of an airplane. It was too distant to enable stereoscopic visualization. There was apparently some solar specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity as the object receded until it was lost from sight after an estimated 30 seconds from the time first noticed. He could not explain how it disappeared except perhaps that the reflection angle may have changed abruptly. There were apparently no clouds or visibility obstructions at the time. The sun was to the rear of the automobile. Mr. The thought that at one time he saw vapor trails.

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3. This interview was made in the presence of Dr. immented, Acting Bocket Sonde Section Bead, who said that Mr. who had recently been in the Kavy and is familiar with the appearance of the majerity of aircraft types and with meteorological balloons. Mr. The also stated that none of the occupants of the car were interiested.

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WILLIAM P. MELLEN Major, Air Corps

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